

House Resolution No. 2449

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State governmental employees who have demonstrated unquestionable courage and astute decision-making abilities when faced with unexpected challenges and situations in life; and

Whereas, Jimmie Johnson of Seymour, Missouri, is a Corrections Officer I at the Ozark Correctional Center at Fordland; and

Whereas, initially hired by the Missouri Department of Corrections on August 3, 1998, CO I Jimmie Johnson has earned distinction for his activities while on duty on January 24, 2002, when he observed an overturned vehicle by the highway with a passenger in the roadway; and

Whereas, CO I Jimmie Johnson continued to monitor the offender he was transporting as well as radio traffic, called for medical assistance, checked for signs of life from a male who was pinned under the vehicle, and tended to the injuries of the female on the road; and

Whereas, although the male victim did not recover from his medical emergency, the calm, timely, and skillful intervention by CO I Jimmie Johnson in a dangerous situation demonstrated levels of dedication and professionalism which stand as appropriate standards for his colleagues to emulate; and

Whereas, CO I Jimmie Johnson will be recognized by the Missouri Department of Corrections on Friday, May 30, 2003, when it grants him a Lifesaver Award for going far beyond his regular duties at great personal risk to help prevent a life-threatening situation; and

Whereas, CO I Jimmie Johnson also deserves note of his many other successes in life which include graduation from Seymour High School and establishment of a loving family which includes his beloved wife, Cheryl Johnson, and his wonderful children, Kody and Tyler Johnson:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute CO I Jimmie Johnson and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest commendation of his unselfish actions on January 24, 2002, when he strove to save a human life; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Department of Corrections Officer I Jimmie Johnson of Seymour, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Michael L. Cunningham
District No. 145

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2449, adopted April 5, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker